

The Daily Courant.

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Berwick, October 24.

THIS Earl of Peterborow's Friends have publish'd here, in Italian, a Manifesto, by way of Letter, wherein they fully clear his Lordship from the foul Accusation laid to his Charge. The Translation of which Curious Piece, is as follows.

Sir,
Since you seem desirous to know the Motives which induced the Lord Cardinal Orlini to take such a Step, as securing the Person of the illustrious Earl of Peterborow, - I do my self the Honour of gratifying your Curiosity, by acquainting you, not only with the Reasons for which his Eminence thought the taking such a Step incumbent upon him, but also with the Earl's Justification, with such as are best acquainted with Matters of Fact.

Know therefore, that there was a most evident Reason for this Arrest, which, on the 1st part, was executed by two Irish Officers, of the Court of the Chevalier de St. George, assisted by many armed Men, whom the Government furnish'd them with, upon their solemn Declaration, that they had Orders for their so doing from their Prince, who from certain Advices receiv'd from France and England, had a suspicion, that the Earl was lately return'd into Italy with ill Design against his Person.

What they alledg'd to support that Suspicion, was, 1. That the said Lord in his late return to Italy, had avoided the common Road, passing thro' the Mountains in the Territories of Genoa and Parma, with several armed Men.

That he had been received by the Duke of Marlborough to Venice.

That he had received from M. St. George, during his late Departure from London to Italy, and that the said Lord, notwithstanding the Confidence between him and the Duke of Marlborough, liv'd at that time in great Intimacy and Friendship with that General.

And lastly, That the Queen of France had written from France, for the Securing of the said Earl.

Before we knew the Insufficiency of these Reasons, it is not amiss to premise, that some of my Lord's Domestic, who were imporson'd on that Occasion, and others who were scarr'd in his House, after the most strict Examination, refus'd nothing that could give the least Air of Probability to the accusations nor was any thing found in his Lordship's Papers that could countenance the Suspicion, altho' the said Papers were search'd a Surprize, and in the instant, together with his Person.

Moreover, it is certain, that upon the most diligent Inquiry, we have been made in the Ecclesiastical States, particularly here in Bononia and in Urbano, there has not been found any Accomplice in the supposed Plot, or design of the said Earl, who being alone, and in a Foreign Country, tis evident he could not be supported by the Natives, especially against a Person so well

Guarded as the Chevalier de St. George.
Virtue of my Lord, who throughout all his life, in all Countries, is known to be a Person of a most generous Spirit, incomparable Benevolence, and unshaken Honour, Vertues and Qualities which have shone in all the Course of his life, and Heroick Actions, and which leave no Manner of Foundation for the Calumniator's Enterprise, nor to his Charge.

This being premis'd, you must know, in the first Place, that in his Journey to Italy, his Lordship thought fit to avoid the Imperial Dominion, by Reason of some Remonstrances and Complaints, which he was inform'd, had been made against him in England, by the Austrian Ministers, about his late Conduct and Management; and therefore it was Prudence, in him to be upon upon his Guard; and as far that Power of

he pass'd thro' difficult and dangerous Mountains, he came for his safety only three armed Men, viz. the Pollardies of Altri, with two of his Servants, declaring wherever he came both his Name and Quality, that he might be entertain'd in private Houses.

2. As for the Money which his Lordship had remitted to Italy, the same ought not to give the least Umbrage, since it is only for his own convenience, his Remittances amounting to no more than 600 Pistolets, and his Lordship having left his ready Money in France.

As for the Gratuum and Favours given by King George to my Lord Peterborow, when he was last in England, it is to be observ'd, that in the present Juncture, all Persons of Quality and Distinction are treat'd with great Civility and Tenderness, like the best of the Number, or of the Party of those who have left the Court, only by laying down their Employments.

As for the late remarkable Correspondence between the Duke of Marlborough, and the Earl of Peterborow, after so long Absence, the same may be easily accounted for; The Marquis of Hangle, & ancient Duke of Gordon one of the first Peers in Scotland, one of the most illustrious Families in Europe, and a Roman Catholic who had taken up Arms in Favour of the Chevalier de St. George, is married to the Earl of Peterborow's Daughter, by whom he has many Children. King George, at the Request of the Duke of Marlborough, who went in Person to acquaint my Lord Peterborow with that Piece of favour, not only gave the Duke of Gordon his Life, but likewise restored him to his Estate. After so generous an Action, who can think it strange, that the Earl, out of Gratitude, should sacrifice his private Reveneue, for the Preservation of the Life of his Son in Law.

If at any time the Duke of Marlborough should be in any Apprehensions of ill Design from my Lord Peterborow against the Prince her Son, it must certainly be at this Juncture; since my Lord, at his Departure from England, took along with himself his Family, and his two only Grandsons, to settle them, as he has done at Post, in a Catholic Country, and, as one may say, under the Eyes and Power of the said Queen. Can any Man of common Sense think that my Ed. Peterborow could undertake any thing against the Chevalier's Sons, after having left two such dear Persons in his Mother's Islands?

Equally frivolous and chimerical is the Assertion, on which they ground the Suspicion that have induc'd the Court of Urbino to secure his Lordship's Person, and confine him in Post Urbino, viz. His having sent a considerable Remittance to Venice; for if his Lordship had any ill Design in his Thoughts, he knew very well he could be safe no where but in England, and there he would have kept his Money and Estate. Therefore his Lordship having safely sold a considerable Part of his Estate, he did very well have remitted part of that Money to Venice, without giving any Suspicion; for if he had been charg'd with such a villainous Commission, having the Favour and Countenance of King George, he should not have had Occasion to sell his own Estate, as he has done, and for which he has already receiv'd above 5000 Pistolets.

To confirm the Groundlessness and evident Falsity, that Ihamfia, or Justice, undoubtedly suggest, either by some private Enemy of my Lord, or of such as are against the Interest of the Chevalier de St. George, who by wicked Arts and sinfull Cabals, would cause Trouble and Divisions. To confirm, I say, the said Falsity, it will be sufficient to consider, how odd and strange it would be for the same Person, at the same time, to give Umbrage and Jealousy to two Interests diametrically opposite. 'Tis not long since my Lord was divest'd of all his Employments in England, with some Marks of Disgrace, and that upon Occasion of his having spoken in France disadvantageously of King George, and with Favouritism of the Prince his Rival. Now, by what a strange Metamorphosis, and contrary to all Probability, eas it be supposed, that the same Lord

Lord should be capable of so black, so dobble, and so perillous an Action, to promote the Interests of men who have treated him unkindly, against young Prince to whom he was thought partial, and who indeed never did him any Prejudice?

The Groundlesnes and Inconsistency of the Supposition laid on his Lordship further appears, by considering, That since the Death of Queen Anne, at some four Times into Italy, before the Chevalier & St. George was there, and before it could be thought that he ever should go out of France: Why then should any Unhonesty be taken of my Lord's coming, Fifth Time into Italy, in the same manner as he did before, that is, Post, and with all possible Speed? Why is he suspected in this Conjunction, today?

Tis six Years since his Lordship has been serv't in his Service in Italian Secretary, wch. at over Times, accompanied him to Italy; but in this last Journey, my Lord left him with his two Grandsons at Paris; which undoubtedly he would not have done, had he in his Thoughts the ill Design of which he is suspected, and to compas which, it was very improper for my Lord to be alone, without a Companion, or any Domestick of Confidence, and only with six ordinary Servants, all Strangers, five of whom, besides, were Roman Catholicks, and on whom, therefore, he could not depend so much as if they had been Protestants.

In this, between this last, and the preceding Journeys of my Lord into Italy, there is a notable Difference which shews his Lordship's natural Temper. Whereas other Times he came from London into these Parts, his Motions were sudden and unforeseen, unknown to every body, and his Arrival therefore unexpected: But in this last Journey he has pass'd publicly through the Court of Turin; and his Return into Italy has been known not only to many in France, but also to several Great Men of Italy, both at the Court of Rome, and at Venice, Gepa, Parma, Modena and Bologna. The same was known to all his Bankers every where, who had certe Advice of his Return at such a Time; and therfore before his Lordship could know in what manner he had been treated by King George, all whence sufficient evidently and fully to prove that his Conduct was not mysterious, but on the contrary, plain, open, and free from any Machinations and Designes, should stand in need of Artifice and Secrecy to be put in Execution. But Providence has still so order'd it, on this Occasion, that three Weeks before his Lordship's Departure from London, his Journey was publicly talk'd of at Court, and in other Places; and soall the Foreign Ministers in England knew very well his Intentions of going for Italy, so in all Probability, all the Princes of Italy were early informed of it by their Ministers.

Such strong Reasons and solid Arguments, free from Ornament, and studied Oratory, ought to convince not only you, but all the World, how much my Lord and his Character hath been wrong'd, by supposing him of so base and unworthy an Attempt. Since his well known to every Body, that in the whole Course of his Life, and in all his former Actions, he has had no other Object in View, but true Honour and Glory; and therefore, there's no Room to doubt, that you, and all Men of Probity and Sense, will look with Horror and Contempt upon the Authors of so vile and detestable a Calumny, which, even at the Court of Urbino, has drawn but little Credit; the Chevalier having declared, That he could hardly believe a thing so injurious to the Reputation of that Lord, but that the repeated Advices he had received, obliged him to be upon his Guard, and to take some Precautions for his own Security.

Dear, Dec. 5. Five Men of War, and Tong-pair of the Merchant-Ships, are put back this Morning by contrary Wind.

London, December 7.
Yesterday South-Sea Stock 147. India 301 3 qrs. African 21 1 half.

Never Acted but once.

At the Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane,
this present Saturday, being the 7th of December, will
be presented a new Comedy call'd, The Novice.

By the Company of Comedians.

At the Theatre in Little-Lincoln's Inn-
Field, this present Saturday, being the 7th of December,
will be presented, a Comedy call'd, The Fair Example, or the Mo-

od Clemen. Written by Mr. Chapman. Sir Charles by Mr. Congreve. Mr. Bullion Junr. Sir Ric. ap. Gouy Mr. Duffin Whalley Mr. Miller. Mr. Bunyan Mr. Pack. Mr. Tracy Mr. Bullion Junr. Mrs. Whalley Mrs. Rogers. Florida Mrs. Churman. Louis Mrs. Bullock. Flora Mrs. Spiller. Mrs. Farina Mrs. Hunt. Mrs. Fane Mrs. Hayes. With several Entertainments of Singing, both in Italian and English, by Mrs. Barbier, particularly, J. & L. Immortal Co. And several entertainments of Dancing, by Miss Moreau. Mr. Thurmond, Mrs. Crook, and Miss Smith.

Lost on Tuesday Night last, between Grace-church street and Fleet-street, a silver snuff-box, with a Picture within of a Man's Head in his own Brown Hair, with a Lac'd Head, it being a Family Piece, and of no Value but to the Owner. Whoever brings the Box to Mr. Bright's, at the Half-moon Tavern in Grace-church-street, shall have one Guinea Reward, and no Questions asked.

Lost or mislaid, a Note under the Hand of Lernoul, for 145 18s. payable to Peter Rammer on Demand, dated Oct. 24. 1717. of no Use but to the Owner, who ever finds the same, is debt'd to bring it to Mr. Stephen Rammer, at the Angel in Lombard-street, shall have 10s. Reward.

To be LETT,

A Convenient Houfe, situate on the South Range of Buildings in Leaden-hall-Marker, near the New Market there, betw. en Grace-Church street and Lime street, near but one to the Back-Door of the Ship Tavern in Grace-Church-street, which House is fit for any Trade, more particularly a Poulterer, or an Alehouse. Enquire of Mr. Ben Crammer in Furnival's Inn, Holborn, or Mr. John Benkin over against the said House.

To be LETT,

A Dwelling House, and large Drying-House, Pits, and all a convenienties for a Fellmonger and Tanner, within three Miles of London, and very well water'd. Enquire of Mr. Merry at No. 2. in Lincoln's-Inn New-Square.

At the Broad-Cloth Warehouse under the Little-Piazza, Covent-Garden, will be lay'd, in Rialto and Retale, for present money, the very best Superfine, and black Cloths at 15s. per Yard, and the very best superfine mixt Drabs at 18s. per Yard. Also Superfine scarlets, and Crimsons, Viver Colours, and other fine Colours in Orange, &c. for Gentlemen's Suits, or Ladies Cloths and Hoods, at 18s. per Yard; & with all other sorts of lower price, mat Cloths, Blacks, Drabs, Liverie-Colours of all Sorts, and Quantities, Draperys and sheetings of any Price.

Books to be sold by Retale,

Extraordinary Malfatt Carpets, imported this week, being the greatest Variety of Sizes, & Colours that ever brought to England, and as good as any Persian Carpet, from Bed-sides, under Ta lea, and before the Fire, or any other Place, as at Mr. George's, in a Closet in Wall-court, over against the Whitechapel, near the Church. Where Attention is daily given.

B O O K S.

The Library of Wm. Lovell, Esq; and of an Eminent Lawyer, deceased: Being a Choice Collection of valuable Books in most Faculties, viz. Divinity, Law, and Common Law, History, Poetry, Clavigers, &c. of the 17th & 18th Centuries, and for large Paper: Which will continue to be sold at a cheap rate, being mark'd in each Book, this Day, the 7th of December, at 9 in the Morning, Catalogues may be had at Mr. Moxon's, Charing-Cross; Mr. Standish, in Westminster-Hall; Mr. W. Cowper, over-against the Royal-Exchange, Bookseller; Wm. Cowper, Guild-hall, King-street; Crown Coffee-house behind the Exchange; the Rainbow at Bloomsbury; and at the Place of Sale, &c. There's a Collection of Looking-Glasses, Glass Stones, &c. &c. and other Curiosities.

For SALE by the CANDLE.

On Wednesday, the 11th Instant, at Lloyd's Coffee-house in Lombard-street, at 10 in the Afternoon, The Aurora Galley, French built, made of Iron, 100 Tuns by Measure, more or less, lying at Stone-Stairs, Capt. Nath. Ship, and good Sail, so Tons by Measure, more or less, lying at Under-Water, Thomas Davis late Master. And another Ship, 100 Tuns by Measure, French built, 100 Tuns by Stone-Stairs, Capt. J. Smith, and good Sail, lying at Stone-Stairs, Capt. J. Smith, so Tons to be spoke with every Day on the Strand, Walk on the Exchange, and before and after at Lloyd's Coffee-house aforesaid.

This Day is published the Second Edition of,

An Answer to the Representation drawn up by the Committee of the Lower-House of Convocation, concerning several Dangerous Positions and Doctrines contained in the Bishop of Bangor's Preface and Sermon. By Benjamin Lord Bishop of Bangor. To which is now added, A Table of the Contents, which it also gives gratis to those who bought the former Edition. Printed for James Knapp at the Crown, and Thomas Childe at the White Hart in St. Paul's Church-Yard. Price bound 4s.